

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY  
BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CACHE FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2 commencing with Section 101075 confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivision of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code provides that the local health officer may declare a local emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof affected by the threat to the public health; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code empowers the Local Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local health emergency when the Local Health Officer reasonably determines that the waste is a hazardous waste or medical waste, or that it may become a hazardous waste or medical, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and reaffirmation every fourteen days thereafter until such health emergency is terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Health Officer does hereby find:

1. That conditions resulting from the Cache Fire, which began in the City of Clearlake on August 18, 2021 have created debris which may be or which may become hazardous waste and a threat to public health; and
2. That given the proximity of the hazardous debris to Cache Creek and the high risk of contamination of waterways that feed Clear Lake and area drinking water supplies, the threat to public health creates the immediate need to facilitate assistance and undertake preventive measures to protect the health of people and the environment and to inform the affected public of any potential health issues associated with the debris created by the Cache Fire, thereby necessitating the proclamation of the existence of a local Health Emergency.
3. That assistance to private property owners in the City of Clearlake is needed for timely implementation of necessary preventive measures to protect public health and the environment.
4. That in those developed areas in the City of Clearlake which have been destroyed or severely damaged by the Cache Fire, immediate action may be required to remove hazardous wastes that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, or reactive from those properties because of the imminent and substantial threat such wastes pose to public health and safety.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local health emergency is now threatened to exist in Lake County due to the debris created by the Cache Fire which is or may become hazardous waste.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Local Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the California Health and Safety Code,

and by any ordinances and resolutions of the County approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that immediate action may be taken to remove hazardous wastes that are toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive from developed property sites that have been destroyed or severely damaged by the Cache Fire because of the imminent and substantial threat such wastes pose to public health and safety.

Signed:

  
gary pace (Aug 23, 2021 12:08 PDT)

Gary Pace, M.D, Lake County Health Officer

Ratified this\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Carol J. Huchingson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Anita L. Grant, County Counsel

  
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